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Subject: [External] State Tax Exemption for Veterans and Military Retirees

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Ms Brown

Good evening

Id like to introduce myself to you . Pete Gadue. I live in Shelburne. Retired from the Military in 2009 with 38 years of service. I also serve on the Governor's Veterans Advisory Committee.

Ive been involved with this bill for years watching it go in for approval and get slammed out by the ways and means committee for example.

Now things have come together once again. Both houses have the bill. Just for information for you Vermont is one of two states that still state Tax military retirees and veterans. Vermont. And California. Everyone else has taken the Honor of making this happen and not unplugging social security from being taxed.

The Governor's letter to both houses totally outline the exemption and why.. one being the upfront issue. Of veterans.once they retire they leave our state for the fact of the state Tax being applied to Retirees. They leave within 3:to 6months after retirement.

I hope you'd see the letter and look at the letters written to the Governor waiting to move back or when to leave if it fails once again.

I'd ask you to also share these letters with the chair of the ways and means committee so she can read them as well if she cares at all usually she doesn't.

In closing I hope for your support on this legislation. And leave the social security alone

Thanks for your time..

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